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*This multi-vehicle crash involving a Canadian tour bus, tractor-trailer, and passenger car shut down the Beltway near Van Dorn Street for several hours on March 18, 2001.*



Edward L. Stinnette

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## From The Fire Chief . . .

**T**he focus of this month's column is on mentoring opportunities and next year's budget.

I also want to introduce a program that some station commanders are using to mentor and to create a positive influence on the children in our county. These station commanders have established a program where weekly, whatever shift that is working has lunch at a school in their district. It's designed to be informal, however, it gives children an opportunity to spend time with firefighters and paramedics that work in their community. If you have such a program, thank you. If not, I would encourage you to discuss the possibilities with the schools in your area and hopefully take advantage of this golden opportunity to influence youth in your community.

I want to also take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked so hard to get our next years budget adopted. Besides the staff that spent almost the entire year preparing and presenting our budget, much work was done by our budget subcommittee, individuals, and organizations who helped put forward a budget that addresses

the needs of the Department.

I'm extremely pleased with the results of our efforts. The budget addresses staffing issues at tanker stations, something we have been highlighting for a number of years. It also included portable radios for each riding position, making for a much safer operational environment. The pay enhancements will bring us closer to market pay, and the longevity step provides a needed incentive for members to stay on the job longer.

For next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2001, the department has a budget totaling over \$97 million. The enormous amount of work and detail that goes into developing and finalizing a budget of this size is a full-time job, completed by staff in addition to their other duties.

As many of you know, the budget is a year-round process and has already started with letters going out to all station commanders advising them to begin the preparation for next year. The Fiscal Management Section will again convene a budget work group and provide guidelines for the upcoming budget season, setting deadlines for each station, section, and division. ♦

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# From The Editor . . .



**F**ire & Rescue Digest. What is it and who is it for? It still seems that when I ask firefighters if they've seen *Fire & Rescue Digest*, I often get "no I haven't." Sometimes, I even get a "what is that." That doesn't happen often, but it has happened.

*Fire & Rescue Digest* is a 30-minute cable television show produced by Fairfax County Cable Channel 16 every three or four months. Show content and coordination is done within the Public Information and Life Safety Education group with the field and the producers at Channel 16. Lieutenant Lorenzo Thrower works closely with all concerned to put together an interesting and worthy product for the Department and our citizens.

Our primary intent is to feature new programs and initiatives, showcase people, deliver public service announcements, (PSA's) and to overall "tell the fire and rescue story." The show is designed to be educational as well as entertaining—sometimes a difficult combination.

Episode 34, recently edited, features the Department's Valor Awards, a piece on the recently fielded Scott Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, a run-down on the newly instituted Candidate Physical Abilities Test, and couple of PSA's on window safety, and yielding to emergency vehicles.

Our next show will highlight women in public safety, swift water rescue, North Point Fire Station, barbecue grill safety, pool safety, and boat safety. It should be on the air in early summer.

*Fire & Rescue Digest* is a good way to see another side of what we do as a department and view it from a different perspective. We've had several comments from citizens saying "they didn't know the fire and rescue department was involved with those types of things." It also provides us an opportunity to showcase our people and programs or get across a specific message that we normally can't send through the mass media. Without a doubt, it's aimed at sending a message to our citizens as well as department personnel.

Please make the time and take the opportunity to see what's playing on *Fire & Rescue Digest*. Specific playing times will be found in Channel 16's program schedule, or by calling (703) 246-3801. ♦

## Upcoming Events

### June

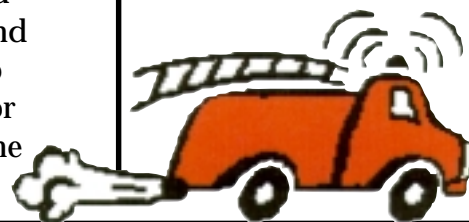
- 8, 9 Fairfax Fair & 10
- 9 Dedication of North Point Fire and Rescue Station 39 10 a.m.
- 20 Child Seat Safety Check Burke Fire and Rescue Station 14 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### July

- 2 Child Seat Safety Check McLean Fire and Rescue Station 1 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 4 City of Fairfax Fourth of July Parade
- 16 Child Seat Safety Check West Centreville Fire and Rescue Station 38 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### August

- 2 Child Seat Safety Check West Annandale Fire and Rescue Station 23 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 13 Child Seat Safety Check North Point Fire and Rescue Station 39 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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<http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/fire>

# From Firefighting to Light Duty

By Sandy Witt  
*Occupational Health and Safety*

**T**he Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is one of 10 Fire Departments nationally participating in the International Association of Fire Fighters/International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFF/IAFC) Joint Labor Management Wellness and Fitness Initiative. The IAFF/IAFC recognized that doctors who are familiar with the requirements of firefighters should make decisions about the functional capacities of uniformed personnel. This philosophy led to the transfer of the light duty program from Operations to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) because it offered the employee the advantage of case management and assistance back to full field duty with successful rehabilitation or intervention, through coordination with the Public Safety Occupational Health Center (PSOHC).

The IAFF/IAFC initiative also recommends the use of light duty and alternative duty programs as a benefit to employees, particularly if they are designed to use the skills of the injured worker during rehabilitation and to prevent loss of conditioning. There is a belief that firefighters, when able to work in some capacity are better served by a light duty program than being forced to sit home being unproductive or using personal leave or leave without pay. Research also indicates that light duty programs increase the likelihood of a full return to duty and reduce the amount of overall lost time from work.

When fire and rescue workers are removed from the field, many suffer from complete culture

shock, role confusion, embarrassment, and become stigmatized as a result of their situation. Removal from full duty is like being stripped of their identity. These individuals are not allowed to wear SCBA or firefighter gear. They are not allowed to participate in station drills, training

exercises and other events their shift participates in as a group. This stripping of identity forces the firefighter to adjust to not only their new restrictions, but also to adopt a new role in their work environment. Daily light duty personnel encounter individuals who are inquisitive about their conditions; constantly fielding questions such as: "Why are you here?" or "What's wrong with you?" These questions are typically delivered with a slight chuckle or a sense of pity, as the firefighter culture is pervasive with the attitude that light duty is not a good thing.

It is extremely difficult to perform the full range of duties required of a firefighter with a serious physical injury. These injuries require adequate time for healing as well as rehabilitation efforts designed specifically for fire and rescue workers. Other more severe disabilities require intense treatment and sometimes even disability retirement or acceptance into the alternative placement program. For those who are removed from full field duty and placed on injury leave due to an extensive injury or illness, their sense of isolation is reportedly immense. They are not only removed from the familiarity of the firehouse, but they have limited contact with their co-workers.



*Technician Jill F. Young, assigned to light duty, assists recruit Pamela Dailey with strengthening exercises. Recruit Dailey was injured during recruit school evolutions.*

Their primary interaction with the fire and rescue department center on the rules they must now follow (insurance rules, time and attendance rules, required medical paperwork, workers compensation documents, legal documents). Every effort should be made by firefighters to maintain supportive contact with their shift members who have been removed from the firehouse, as this social support is important to the mental well being of their displaced co-workers.

Light duty employees have been assigned to work on several exciting fire and rescue department projects.

Light duty personnel are actively involved in the Urban Search and Rescue team, assisting with the administration of the Work Performance Evaluation, Candidate Physicals Abilities Test and other peer fitness projects. Other projects include: Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus implementation, the 800 MHz radio project, Public Safety Communications Center dispatch, facilities management, flu shot and PPD programs,

systems management, assisting the training academy with new recruits and operations academy rotation sessions, as well as performing other important administrative functions within the Department. Recently, I sent a confidential survey to those who had been released from light duty and discovered that most felt their job assignments were appropriate due to their injuries, but that the job assignments were not directly related to what they were trained to do as firefighters or paramedics. Others however, felt their job placement offered them a new perspective on how the fire department works from the administrative side and exposed them to things they had never considered while working in the field (for instance, the new radio

project, systems management needs, public information and life safety, etc.).

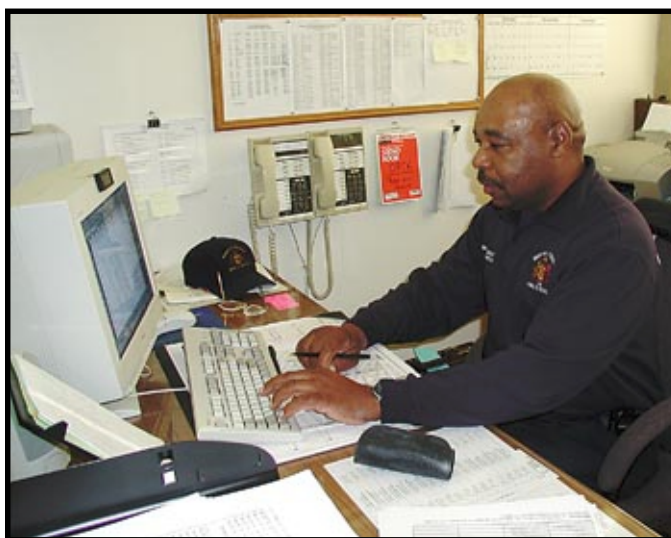
When a new employee reports to light duty, we attempt to identify the employee's interests and assign them to meaningful projects that are critical to the overall functioning of the fire department. If placed on light duty, it is the responsibility of the employee to report to the light duty coordinator (LDC) and update the LDC of any changes in their medical status until released to full duty and to follow all SOP's. For those who have been out of the field for an extended period of time, concurrence of release

to full field duty by the Public Safety

Occupational Health Center is required.

When placed on light duty, you must report either by phone or in person on the day indicated on the medical status release form. At that time, you will be interviewed to determine the best placement for you, taking into consideration your restrictions and available agency projects. It is the goal of the light duty program

to return employees to full field duty with proper intervention. Employees should familiarize themselves with the following SOP's: Personnel Injury Reporting 02.03.01, Fitness for Duty 02.04.03, Light Duty 02.03.06 and Alternative Placement Program 02.00.11. For a complete list of resources regarding firefighter injuries and disability, please contact the OHS. ♦

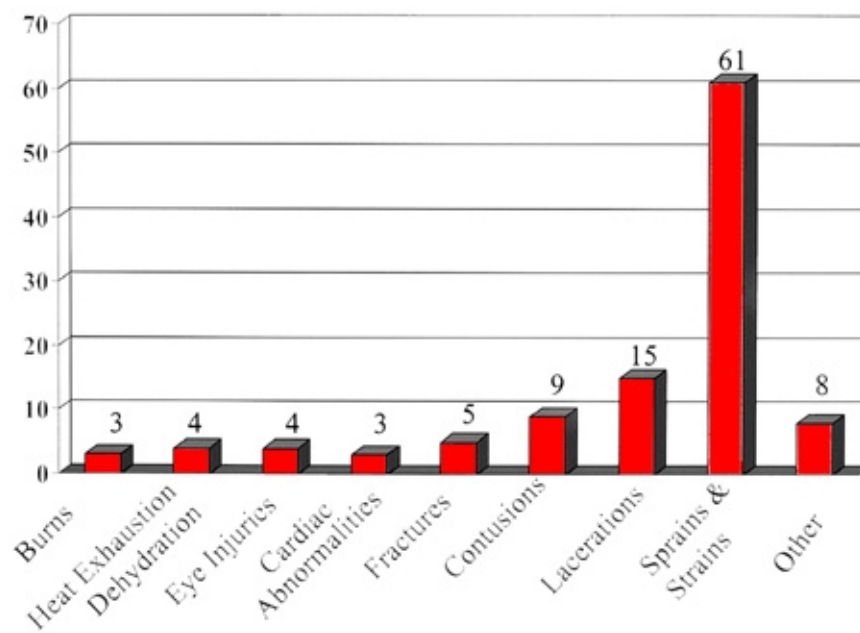


*Technician Milton Goldsmith, assigned to Light Duty, fills in for Ops 6. Ops 6 coordinates station transfers/fills and uses the call back list to backfill station personnel shortages.*

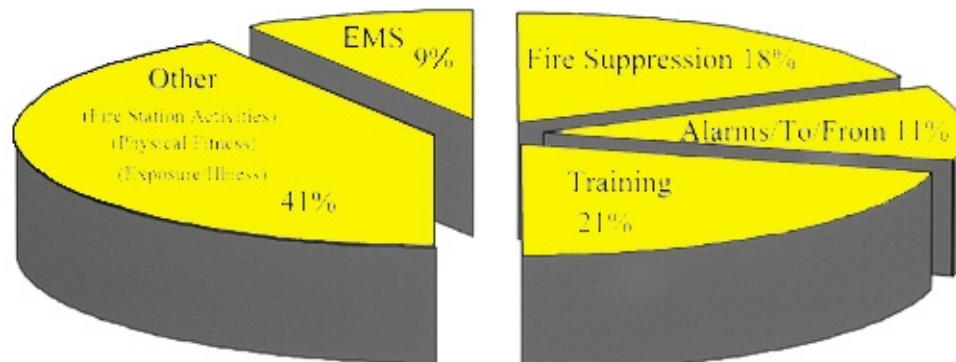
**911 Service to the county began on  
December 15, 1981.**

**Source: Captain Buzz Jackson  
(Retired)**

## Line of Duty Injuries



## Line of Duty Injuries by Activity



Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department  
January - June 2000



### Line of Duty Injuries by Activity

Type	Number	Percent
Fire Suppression	20	18
Responding to or from an alarm	12	11
Training (including PT)	23	21
EMS	10	8
Other*	47	42

(Typically fire house injuries, hazmat, exposures, etc.)

(See Chart 1)

### Line of Duty Injuries by Type

Type	Number	Percent
Cardiac Abnormalities	3	3
Heat Exhaustion		
Dehydration	4	4
Eye Injuries	4	4
Burns	3	3
Fractures	5	5
Contusions	9	8
Lacerations	15	13
Sprains and strains	61	54
Other	8	7

(See Chart 2)

## What to do if you are injured

- Report job related illness or injury to your supervisor (see SOP 02.03.01).
- Obtain treatment at a medical facility or physician's office (now you may use the PSOHC for triage type injuries).
- Enter the injury/illness in the station log book.
- Complete a Personnel Injury Report Package.
- Obtain a medical status report from the treating physician which should clearly indicate your work status and follow the treatment orders of the physician.
- Forward the medical status to the PSOHC.
- If assigned to light duty, report to light duty the next business day. (see SOP 02.03.06).
- Maintain physical fitness training in accordance with restrictions and physician's instructions.
- If your injury is permanent, determine eligibility for the Alternative Placement Program (see SOP 02.00.11).

## Important phone numbers

Safety Office ..... (703) 250-4537

Light Duty Coordinator ..... (703) 246-3864

OHS FAX ..... (703) 691-1514

Occupational Health Center .... (703) 246-4949

Occupational Health & Safety (703) 246-3800

Risk Management ..... (703) 324-3040

<http://infoweb/finance/RiskMgmt/>

Comp Management Inc. (CMI) (703) 227-5300

CMI FAX ..... (703) 227-5371

VA Workers Compensation .... 1-877-664-2566

[www.vwc.state.va.us](http://www.vwc.state.va.us)

Retirement Office ..... (703) 279-8200

<http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/retbrd/>

F & R Human Resources (703) 246-2257

# SCBA, 800 MHz Radios Make Debut

By Deputy Chief David L. Rohr  
Support Services

**T**his past fall, the Support Services Division took on two major projects that impacted virtually every section or division within the department. The Communications Section was actually able to enjoy the wonderful fall colors as the leaves fell to the ground as the coverage testing was completed for the county's 800 Megahertz (MHz) public safety radio system. Additionally, the Air Shop began the daunting task of changing out over 600 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units from a new manufacturer.

The 800 MHz radio project began in its initial stages in 1994. Through the dedicated work of many personnel from all public safety agencies, PRC, Motorola, Virginia Power, RCC Communications, and other vendors, the design and construction phases of this \$27 million project was completed in early October 2000. Captain II Paul A. Nichols and Lieutenant Steven Basnett (retired) provided invaluable input throughout the design and development stages. Their dedication and attention to detail was phenomenal.

We agreed early on in the planning stages of this project that we had to do several things to make the transition to the new system a success. First and foremost was accurate and consistent

communication with the users as well as senior staff. This was accomplished through weekly agency meetings, weekly e-mail updates to senior staff and operation's deputies. Additionally, we provided updates in the form of *News Items* on

the department's intranet site. We also enjoyed full support from the Fire Chief and senior staff. It was critical that we had the support from the department for this project and that the installation crews and Communications Section have the full cooperation and assistance of all users. I am happy to report that we met all of these goals throughout the project.

The department did not fully feel the true impact of the 800 MHz system until the testing phase, which began last October. This involved a team from Motorola, RCC Communications, PSCC, Fairfax County Police and the Office of the Sheriff.

The Department physically tested every grid in the system (500 grids) and all critical structures including hospitals, malls, and Dulles Airport.

In October, the Communications Section began the distribution of over 500 portable radios throughout the department. This was done early on to provide training opportunities and an additional means of communications since the current system and the new system were scheduled to remain patched until further notice. Training for the MCTs, portable and mobile



*John Stockard (Radio Shop) checks the operation of the new MCT recently installed in a reserve engine.*



radios was conducted through a variety of methods. Personnel from the Fire Prevention Division were provided training prior to hitting the streets at 6 a.m. Operations personnel were brought to PSCC or trained at their battalion headquarters. The Communications Section developed a training module for each battalion headquarters station using a mock up of an MCT and mobile portable radios. This was a stand-alone unit that provided full functionality and gave the users a chance to operate the equipment prior to installation in their apparatus.

Simultaneously, Battalion Chief Larry B. Johnson coordinated with Captain I Gerald Jaskulski and Lieutenant Basnett (retired) to schedule installs of mobile radios in more than 300 vehicles throughout the fleet. This work started November 14, 2000. Captain Jaskulski worked with CEV Communications, a Motorola vendor to do field installs at every fire station location in the department. This involved competing with previously scheduled events, removal of existing communications equipment, and installing new mobile computer terminals (MCT's) and 800 MHz mobile radios in all apparatus.

The "road crew" was assigned an engine provided by the volunteers at Fire and Rescue Station 22. This unit was the first to be outfitted with the new radio and MCT. The crews at the locations that were being changed over that day used the unit to respond to calls. Captain Jaskulski also used this vehicle to provide training on the new equipment as their vehicles were being worked on by Michael L. Keeler, Auto Mechanic II, Apparatus Shop, who worked with the field install crew throughout and provided invaluable input, oversight, and fabrication skills. We wanted to resolve issues at the point of install instead of having units come back to the apparatus or radio shop for "fix ups" later. We brainstormed all possible contingencies during the installs and dedicated all available resources towards this important project. We were able to address about 95 percent of the issues encountered in the field.

As Captain Jaskulski moved into the project, he became very experienced in the art of time

management and radio installations. He was able to slip in an extra EMS unit, tanker, or brush unit that would take half the time of a full engine, truck or rescue when afternoon time permitted. Looking back, this proved to be very helpful and prevented the installers from having to leap back and forth from stations to work on single small units.

Meanwhile, Captain I William A. Jordan and Technician Trenton L. Houghton managed the installation of radios and MCTs in more than 100 sedans and command vehicles at the Jermantown radio shop. Howard Timmons, Vehicle Coordinator, and Technician Shawn K. McPherson worked with both to schedule and shuttle vehicles to and from the Jermantown site and two other remote vendor locations in Chantilly and Merrifield.

Another critical component of implementing any program is providing a method for feedback. The Communications Section developed a coverage and feedback form providing users with an opportunity to report any problems. These forms are still being faxed to the Communications Section where they are being reviewed and studied. Coverage problems are being forwarded to the consultant (RCC Communications) for the county so they can be identified on a coverage map for proposing additional sites that will improve the existing system and locate specific problem areas. In addition, Captain II Nichols and Jack Anderson (RCC) are visiting identified sites to further define problems. Personnel have also used email to forward their concerns through appropriate channels.

The feedback received has been invaluable. We have used this information to identify several coverage problem areas. We have also spent a considerable amount of time with Jack Anderson to discuss different portable radio configurations, ensuring the best communications possible. Most users have found many of the new features of the system an improvement over the previous system.

Currently, we have six units remaining from an original number of more than 350 units that need

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# Hot Shots



A chain reaction crash involving a Canadian bus, two cars, and a tractor trailer on the Beltway near Van Dorn Street resulted in the total loss of the cars and tractor-trailer. Passengers in a second car helped remove crash victims from the car between the bus and tractor-trailer. Amazingly, there were no serious injuries. Photo by Captain I Steven I. Weissman, Safety Officer.



Two adults alerted by a smoke detector escaped unharmed from this two-story townhouse located at 13110 Hearthside Lane, Fair Oaks. The two-alarm blaze caused \$230,000 in damage. Adjacent units suffered extensive damage from heat exposure. Photo by Sheldon Levi (Photo 421).



Three occupants of a U-Haul truck were trapped after hitting a parking structure barrier on Sunset Hills Road and Reston Avenue. One patient was medivaced and two patients were transported by ground.



Two crash victims died as a result of injuries sustained in this multi-vehicle crash on the Fairfax County Parkway near Old Keene Mill Road in the Burke area on Friday, May 4, 2001.



One adult male suffered minor smoke inhalation while attempting to extinguish the blaze at 13207 Topsfield Court, Herndon. Barbecue grill ashes, disposed in a flower garden caused the fire. Damage to the home was \$260,000.





*Tower 5 assists with a Stokes Basket below grade rescue of a worker who fell into a construction trench on Cabin John Road in Springfield near the mixing bowl. The construction worker was not seriously injured.*



*One patient was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital for injuries sustained after her vehicle overturned on the Fairfax County Parkway and Braddock Road.*



## Paramedic Graduates Nineteen



*Nineteen firefighters graduated from The George Washington University paramedic program on January 16, 2001, following five months of intensive classroom training, numerous clinical rotations, and many written and practical examinations. Listed from left to right are: Technician Michael A. Doran (Station 4, A-Shift), Firefighter Alicia D. Dale (Station 21, A-Shift), Technician Erick L. Weinzapfel (Station 22, A-Shift), Firefighter Donald R. Brasfield (Station 18, C-Shift), Technician Timothy L. Nicholson (Station 2, B-Shift), Firefighter Patrick Sheehan (Station 39, B-Shift), Firefighter William J. Atwell (Station 26, A-Shift), Captain II John A. Burke (Station 1, A-Shift), Technician Brian A. Bonifas (Station 28, B-Shift), Firefighter Marlin J. Hood (Station 19, B-Shift), Firefighter Ronald G. Bauserman (Station 25, A-Shift), Firefighter Dustin K. Rice (Station 21, C-Shift), Firefighter Clifford A. Watson (Station 25, C-Shift), Technician Michael L. Sease (Station 18, A-Shift), Firefighter Barry W. Maham (Station 24, A-Shift), Acting Technician John R. Mudge (Station 15, A-Shift), Firefighter Daniel J. Kwiatkowski (Station 8, B-Shift), Firefighter Shannon M. Oswald (Station 4, B-Shift), and Firefighter Evelyn G. Edwards (Light Duty, A-Shift) (not pictured).*



to have radios or MCT's installed. It is probable that they will be completed by the time *Line Copy* is published. Lieutenant Donald E. Bowers, Communications Section, has provided battalion chiefs and stations with spare batteries, chargers, and optimizers to support the new radios.

Actions are now being undertaken to take the old MDT system out of service. Shortly, the Fire and Rescue Department will discontinue use of the 460 MHz portable radios, but will continue to simulcast on channel one for the purpose of monitoring and public access.

During the spring of 2000, the Fire Chief decided to upgrade our existing breathing apparatus, including integrated PASS devices. A selection advisory committee consisting of operations personnel extensively tested five different manufacturers of breathing apparatus under live fire conditions. After the testing, they selected Scott. In June, the Department signed a contract with Scott Aviation to replace our entire stock of Interspiro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with the Scott Air-Pak 50 model.

We included several items in the contract with Scott to help us with the transition of over 600 breathing apparatus units and the training of 1,200 uniformed personnel. The vendor was required to complete all fit testing, training, and installation associated with the new units. While we still provided resources from the Air Shop and the Apparatus Shop, the impact was much less on the department than it could have been. This was directly due to the hard work of Captain II Dean W. Cox and the Air Shop staff in developing the bid for the SCBA.

Similar to the radio project, it was important that we keep our users informed throughout the entire transition process. All involved parties needed to stay in contact by providing feedback to address issues as they arose. To address these needs, we identified an implementation team while at the Scott facility in Monroe, North Carolina. The team included Scott, All-Safe (vendor), Air Shop, Apparatus Shop, Field Operations, Volunteers, and Resource Management.

All personnel had to be fit tested and trained

with the new SCBA prior to use in the field. This meant that almost 1,200 personnel needed to receive this training and testing within a short time frame. It was my goal to change out all of our current SCBA in the shortest time frame possible, eliminating the use of multiple types of SCBA on the fireground. While this could not be completely avoided, our goal in Support Services was to minimize the impact on operations.

Several crews from the vendor and our Air Shop did the training and fit testing. Units from each battalion were cycled through their battalion headquarters to receive the didactic training and fit testing. Each member that fit tested also went through several scenarios involving the emergency buddy-breathing system on the new SCBA.

In addition to the SCBA training, we realized that this was an opportunity for us to physically see every uniformed member of the department in their personal protective ensemble. The Personal Protective Equipment Center (PPEC) measured every uniformed member of the department during this process. This provided them with updated sizes for every firefighter and validated information already in the database. The issuing of replacement PPE is still ongoing for those members that needed to "change sizes."

As the training and fit testing was proceeding, the Air Shop was receiving daily shipments of cylinders and air paks that needed to be assembled. The vendor accomplished this task and those units were bar-coded by the Logistics Branch and readied for distribution to the field. Operations requested additional practical training for all members moving to the new SCBA system. To accommodate this request, the Air Shop placed six to eight units in each battalion for use.

On November 2, 2000, the sixth battalion began the installation of more than 600 units in the field. An installation crew consisting of the vendor, the Air Shop, and a member of the Apparatus Shop visited each work location to remove the old SCBA, brackets, and install the new units. We were pleasantly surprised by the minimal number of modifications that were needed during the change over. Rapid Intervention

Team (RIT) packs and other equipment for the special operations teams were also replaced at this time. The entire fleet was completed in 11 days. Completion of this challenging task so quick speaks volumes for the overall success of the install project.

Because we were changing the manufacturer of our breathing apparatus, it became necessary to completely change out the test benches and all associated testing and repair equipment at the Air Shop. Included in the contract were new bench testing machines and computers which allowed us to track fit testing, repairs, parts, and other related SCBA information critical to the Air Shop. Scott also provided training for all of our technicians.

Once the SCBA units were fielded, we started to receive feedback concerning the possibility of entanglement due to the wire from the integrated communications system (Envoy) on the new units. Additionally, we were not completely satisfied with the results we were receiving with the volume and reception of the Envoy system when used in the lapel mic configuration. Some of the Envoy issues were addressed through training; however, it was important that we address the concerns brought forward on the possible entanglement of members because of the additional wiring on the harness.

A group of users from Operations was assembled at the training academy to identify the concerns. The Department then met with Scott and the manufacturer of the Envoy communications system. Both manufacturers

witnessed several test scenarios and provided valuable input and recommendations to fix the problems that had been identified.

Feedback from the field changed the routing of the communications cable. A quick-connect fitting is also being placed on our Motorola microphones to eliminate the need for making the multi-pin connection above the Envoy lapel mic. These changes are now being field tested in ten locations and have received favorable reports.

It is our intention to convert all Motorola speaker microphones soon so that you will only need to contend with a quick-connect style fitting when operating in an environment that requires SCBA.

It was never the intention to implement these two major changes simultaneously, however, the mission and the outcome turned out positive. We realized that we were changing two of the most critical components of a firefighter's job, breathing apparatus and communications. When it became apparent that these two items were ready to be

implemented, we made a conscious decision to go ahead, knowing we had to provide the support, training, and resources necessary to make the transition to both systems work.

Looking back at the past several months, I am very proud of the personnel that make up Support Services and the effort and dedication they have shown in completing two major initiatives. Without the cooperation from the entire department both projects would not be the success they are today. ❖



*Scott Aviation was contracted to replace the entire stock of Interspiro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with the Scott Air-Pak 50. The 1,340 new units included 30-, 45-, 60-minute tanks, as well as 10-minute escape packs.*

# Team Entry Form

## 10th Annual Retiree's Outing

**Captain's Choice/4 man scramble with team handicap**

***Sponsored by:***

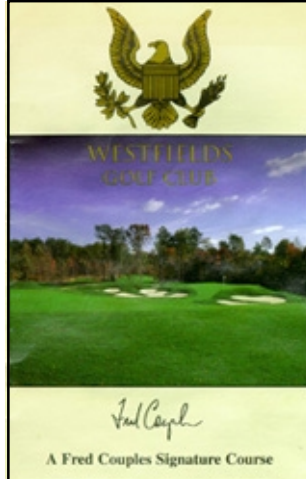
Fairfax County Fire & Rescue  
Retirement Association, Inc.

Monday, August 13, 2001

Westfields Golf Club  
13940 Balmoral Greens Avenue  
Clifton, Virginia

***Raffle***

Set of 2001 Irons with Golf Bag



***Benefit for:***

Firefighters' Fund of  
Fairfax County

***Time:***

Registration: 12 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.  
Shot Gun Start: 1:30 p.m.  
Dinner and  
Awards 6 p.m..

***Cash Prize on Par 3***

Limited to 30 Teams

### \$110 per Golfer Includes:

- Green Fee, Cart & Range Balls
- Beverages on Course
- Dinner
- One Raffle Ticket for Clubs & Bag
- Course Yardage Book
- One Mulligan Per Team
- Gross & Net Division  
(Long Drive, Closest to Pin Prizes  
& Closest to Line)
- Awards Ceremony & Door Prizes

**Team Captain's Phone Number**

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*For further information or team entry forms, please contact:*

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Gary Pope  
(703) 246-2410

Kim Hamilton  
(703) 433-3560

***Please make checks payable to:***  
Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County  
Mail to: Bill Green  
4222 La Marre Drive  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

***Appropriate Dress Required:***  
***NO jeans or cut-offs***

***Soft Spikes Only!***







# Fire & Rescue Digest Show

## Show 34

Yielding to Emergency Vehicles  
Candidate Physical Ability Test  
Valor Awards  
Window Safety  
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

The Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Digest Show is currently airing on Fairfax County Government Cable Channel 16. The 34<sup>th</sup> show will run the next several weeks, and can be seen every Tuesday at 12 p.m.

## Show 35 (to be aired in mid-summer)

Women in Public Safety  
Swift Water Rescue  
North Point Opening (Fire and Rescue Station 39)  
Barbecue Grill Safety  
Pool Safety  
Boat Safety

## Top 10 Activity Report

### February - March 2001

#### Ambulance

Unit	Calls
A 410	353
A 413	343
A 408	329
A 430	303
A 409	288
A 437	265
A 436	258
A 414	249
A 411	247
A 431	245

#### Engine Company

Unit	Calls
E 410	465
E 429	449
E 404	446
E 408	429
E 409	429
E 411	408
E 421	406
E 401	405
E 413	400
E 422	398

#### Rescue Company

Unit	Calls
R 426	230
R 421	224
R 418	193
R 411	180
R 401	173
R 419	143
R 414	137

#### Medic

Unit	Calls
M 418	457
M 425	448
M 410	396
M 426	393
M 404	384
M 422	382
M 429	377
M 417	366
M 421	358
M 408	354

#### Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains

Unit	Calls
EMS5	279
EMS4	278
EMS6	226
EMS1	222
EMS2	197
EMS3	186
BC04	143
BC05	131
BC06	120
BC02	89

#### Ladder Company

Unit	Calls
T 429	253
T 425	249
T 410	203
T 405	196
T 403	188
T 408	182
T 430	150
T 436	150
T 411	149
T 401	127

Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call to be included in an event history file. A unit add-on is not considered a dispatch. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.

February 16, 2001

Fire Chief Ed Stinnette  
Fairfax County Fire and Rescue  
4100 Chain Bridge Rd  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Hello Chief Stinnette:

On February 6th there was a fire on Americana Drive in Annandale. Two townhomes were ablaze; one was mine #5047. I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the help my son and I received from the Fire and Rescue workers of Fire Station #8 and #26 and Engine Company #5 and #23. They did an excellent job of stopping the fire before it completely consumed our home, and they took steps to protect our personal belongings.

When my son and I first arrived we were shocked to find our home had been on fire and the fire workers were finishing the task of putting out the fire and making sure it would not restart. My son who is six years old began to cry uncontrollably, out of fear that his gerbil had died in the fire. When I informed Battalion Chief Robert Rhea, of my son's fear, the Chief called over two firemen and asked them to look around for the gerbil. The two men went to the room where the gerbil usually stayed, they found the cage which had been destroyed, but the body of the gerbil was missing, so they searched through the debris to find the gerbil and trapped it and brought it down in a box. I thought this was truly an act of kindness especially since a gerbil is no bigger than a mouse. They also went back in to find the Nintendo 64 for my son. They also went back in a few more times to look for different items I wanted to recover, like the tax papers I had left out on a chair.

I also want to give special acknowledgment to Battalion Chief Robert Rhea for getting assistance for my son and me. He asked if we could relocate to somewhere else because the house was unsafe. I told him we have no family or close friends in this area, and I did not take out extra insurance to cover displacement and loss due to fire, so he said he would call the American Red Cross for me and would stay with me and my son to make sure we made contact with them.

So in conclusion I want to give praise and thanks to all of the men and women involved at this fire scene. They are really wonderful, kind and caring people, and we deeply appreciate the extra steps they took to help us get through this.

Very Sincerely,



Dee and Shawn Moses  
5047 Americana Dr.  
Annandale, VA 22003

**Perception is reality--as far as your customer is concerned.**

## Large Loss Fire Investigations

<b>Date:</b> 02/02/01 <b>Box:</b> 1707 <b>Address:</b> 5017 Marshal Crown Road <b>Type:</b> House <b>Cause:</b> Accidental-Drywall Heater <b>Value:</b> \$100,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$100,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 02/02/01 <b>Box:</b> 1008 <b>Address:</b> 3508 Maple Court <b>Type:</b> House <b>Cause:</b> Accidental-Spontaneous Ignition <b>Value:</b> \$169,455 <b>Loss:</b> \$75,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 02/03/01 <b>Box:</b> 3706 <b>Address:</b> 7831 Loisdale Road <b>Type:</b> Commercial <b>Cause:</b> Accidental-Space Heater <b>Value:</b> \$409,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$164,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 02/04/01 <b>Box:</b> 2105 <b>Address:</b> 12211 Wild Horse <b>Type:</b> House <b>Cause:</b> Incendiary <b>Value:</b> \$180,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$180,000 <b>Status:</b> Open
<b>Date:</b> 02/06/01 <b>Box:</b> 0814 <b>Address:</b> 5049 Americana Drive <b>Type:</b> Outside <b>Cause:</b> Undetermined <b>Value:</b> \$438,705 <b>Loss:</b> \$130,000 <b>Status:</b> Inactive
<b>Date:</b> 02/09/01 <b>Box:</b> 2219 <b>Address:</b> 7957 Cameron Brown Court <b>Type:</b> Commercial <b>Cause:</b> Accidental-Electrical <b>Value:</b> \$15,000,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$1,250,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 02/17/01 <b>Box:</b> 2227 <b>Address:</b> 6012 Frontier Drive <b>Type:</b> House <b>Cause:</b> Accidental-Electrical <b>Value:</b> \$250,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$200,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 02/22/01 <b>Box:</b> 2115 <b>Address:</b> 4618 West Ox Road <b>Type:</b> Vehicle <b>Cause:</b> Accidental-Electrical <b>Value:</b> \$70,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$70,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 02/27/01 <b>Box:</b> 3901 <b>Address:</b> 11004 Beach Mill Road <b>Type:</b> Barn <b>Cause:</b> Accidental-Electrical <b>Value:</b> \$80,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$80,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 03/02/01 <b>Box:</b> 2433 <b>Address:</b> 8115 Russell Road <b>Type:</b> House <b>Cause:</b> Accidental-Electrical <b>Value:</b> \$120,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$75,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 03/06/01 <b>Box:</b> 1402 <b>Address:</b> 10164 Sassafras Woods Court <b>Type:</b> Townhouse <b>Cause:</b> Accidental-Cooking <b>Value:</b> \$150,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$75,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 03/09/01 <b>Box:</b> 0303 <b>Address:</b> 10031 Glenmere Road <b>Type:</b> House <b>Cause:</b> Accidental-Electrical <b>Value:</b> \$225,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$100,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 03/16/01 <b>Box:</b> 2694 <b>Address:</b> 4949 Manitoba Drive <b>Type:</b> Apartment <b>Cause:</b> Under Investigation <b>Value:</b> \$18,000,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$250,000 <b>Status:</b> Open
<b>Date:</b> 03/24/01 <b>Box:</b> 1303 <b>Address:</b> 8101 Fletcher Street <b>Type:</b> Commercial <b>Cause:</b> Accidental-Electrical <b>Value:</b> \$2,000,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$100,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed
<b>Date:</b> 03/30/01 <b>Box:</b> 3515 <b>Address:</b> 7904 Mulberry Bottom Court <b>Type:</b> House <b>Cause:</b> Accidental-Chimney <b>Value:</b> \$250,000 <b>Loss:</b> \$75,000 <b>Status:</b> Closed

## Arrests/Petitions

<b>Date:</b> 09/03/00 <b>Box:</b> 1207 <b>Address:</b> 10605 Runaway Lane <b>Type:</b> Mailbox <b>Narrative:</b> The defendants received 12 months probation, \$500 fine with \$250 suspended, and must complete the Juvenile Fire Stop Program.
<b>Date:</b> 12/29/00 <b>Box:</b> 0810 <b>Address:</b> 4604 Ravensworth Road <b>Type:</b> Outside <b>Narrative:</b> The defendant received 12 months of supervised probation, \$500 fine, and must complete the Juvenile Fire Stop Program.
<b>Date:</b> 01/13/01 <b>Box:</b> 2700 <b>Address:</b> 8301 Old Keene Mill Road <b>Type:</b> Outside <b>Narrative:</b> The defendant was ordered to complete 40 hours of community service within 90 days.
<b>Date:</b> 01/28/01 <b>Box:</b> 3507 <b>Address:</b> 8612 Oak Chase Circle <b>Type:</b> Outside <b>Narrative:</b> The defendants were ordered to complete 40 hours each of community service.
<b>Date:</b> 02/21/01 <b>Box:</b> 2207 <b>Address:</b> 7709 Hooes Road <b>Type:</b> Vehicle <b>Narrative:</b> March 1, 2001, fire investigators charged two adults with one count each of burning personal property and fire capable of spreading. Another adult was charged with one count of burning personal property. A trial date is set for May 2001.
<b>Date:</b> 03/16/01 <b>Box:</b> 3001 <b>Address:</b> 2911 Charing Cross Road <b>Type:</b> Vehicle <b>Narrative:</b> March 16, 2001, fire investigators charged one adult with two counts of burning personal property. A trial date is set for May 2001.
<b>Date:</b> 03/27/01 <b>Box:</b> 1192 <b>Address:</b> 5850 Cameron Run Terrace <b>Type:</b> High Rise <b>Narrative:</b> March 27, 2001, fire investigators charged one adult with burning personal property. A trial date is set for May 2001.
<b>Date:</b> 03/27/01 <b>Box:</b> 1096 <b>Address:</b> 4609 Brookside Drive <b>Type:</b> House <b>Narrative:</b> Fire investigators charged one juvenile with setting fire to a dwelling. A trial date is set for May 2001.



## Bracy and Reilly Honored at Police Academy Graduation

Lieutenant Alfred M. Bracy (left) and Battalion Chief Michael T. Reilly (right), Fire Prevention, received the Instructors Award on March 13, 2001, at the Fairfax County Police Academy graduation ceremony at Centreville High School. Lieutenant Bracy and Battalion Chief Reilly were members of the 38th Police Academy class. The presentation of two instructors awards in the 24-week academy class marked a first at the Police Academy.



## Community Outreach Highlights



Dear Captain Burt,

Thank you for reading to the students at Anthony T. Lane Elementary for Read Across America. You and firefighters Jay Cloyd, Mike Allen, Rob Clarke, Jason Roberts, and MT Jeff Allen are wonderful role models for the importance of reading. Reading to our students kindles their passion for reading.

Thank you again for joining our celebration of reading at Lane for Read Across America. The day was a great success and your visit to Lane is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

*Shirley Brown,*  
Principal

*Please come any time  
you want books and  
hugs! :)*



The Anthony T. Lane Elementary School thanks Firefighter Jaemohn D. Cloyd (Station 37, C-Shift), Firefighter Michael V. Allen (Station 37, C-Shift), Acting Technician Robert A. Clarke (Station 11, C-Shift), Firefighter Jason M. Roberts (Station 10, C-Shift), Master Technician Jeffrey R. Allen (Station 26, C-Shift), and Captain I Leo B. Burt (Station 37, C-Shift) for their participation in the Read Across America program. Captain Burt and Master Technician Allen read to several classes at the Anthony T. Lane Elementary School.

# Retirements      Anniversaries      New Hires

Master Technician

James E. Clark

January 28, 1980 - March 9, 2001

Elaine C. Long, Secretary I

March 3, 1986 - April 27, 2001

Technician Carl A. Rich

April 12, 1976 - March 16, 2001

Lieutenant Rickie L. Simpson

December 10, 1973 - March 9, 2001

Master Technician

James D. Sutton

April 12, 1976 - April, 29, 2001

Technician Richard E. Watts

April 12, 1976 - March 9, 2001



## 15 Years

Master Technician

William F. Bundy, Jr.

Lieutenant

Leroy L. Butler, Jr.

Technician

Edward T. Deskins, Jr.

Captain II John L. Everett

Technician John P. Jones

Lieutenant James E. Lee, Jr.

Master Technician

Michael J. Marks

Lieutenant Bruce A. Neuhaus

Technician Joseph A. Oleksia

Firefighter

George N. Pancione, Jr.

Technician Samuel L. Poles, Jr.

Lieutenant Kendall Thompson

## 25 Years

Captain II Michael J. Ciarrocchi

Technician Charles L. Collier

Technician Mark D. Dudrow

Captain I William M. Foxwell

Battalion Chief Mark T. Kane

Captain I Gregory A. McIntosh

Lieutenant Peter J. Michel

Master Technician

James D. Sutton, Jr.

Technician Richard E. Watts

## 30 Years

Technician Blair H. Ghent

Thomas G. Arnold

Jimmie Backus

Thomas E. Biller

Derrick O. Colden

Rolando E. Contreras

Jennifer A. Coughlin

Glenn W. Dressler

David E. Feiring

Craig S. Furneisen Jr.

Nicole Y. Gadell

Richard D. Gundert

Thomas R. Hipp

Kathleen Hurley

Kim Kapes

Miranda Lambermond

Jorge E. Loayza

Reid V. Lottchea

Daniel R. McNeece

Wendy Y. Mitchell

Kimberly Nowak

Steven T. Onufrey

Robert E. Pickel Jr.

Linda J. Post

Shannon G. Reed

Patrick S. Reid

Kevin F. Reyes

Michelle J. Rose

Vickie R. Shorts

Deborah G. Sparrer

Stephan J. Swierczek

Michael Van Dyke

Ryan R. Wagner

Katja H. Walsh

Ryan J. Ward

Robert J. Wiencko

## Safe Kids Day



*Safe Kids Day . . . In support of National Safe Kids Week, May 5 through 12, 2001, Fairfax County firefighters, police, and sheriffs deputies hosted a variety of safety events on Saturday, May 5, 2001. Six Fire and Rescue Stations (McLean, Annandale, Mount Vernon, Springfield, Frying Pan, and Fair Oaks) hosted an Open House to promote life safety and injury prevention awareness for children of all ages. In addition to child passenger safety and bicycle safety, children and parents/caregivers received valuable safety information regarding poisons, fire and burn safety, and gun safety. A Child Safety Seat Inspection and Bicycle Safety Rodeo was conducted at the Fairfax County Public Safety Complex. Master Technician Eric D. Forbach and Firefighter Timothy M. Kelly (Station 8, A-Shift) (left) are distributing information to station visitors.*



## Station Profile

### Gunston Fire and Rescue Station #20

**Captain II**  
**James M. Chinn**  
Station Commander

**Station constructed:** 1975

**Station specialty:** Water rescue and rural water supply (protectors of the wetlands).

**Square miles in first due area:** 20.8

**Specific hazardous/target areas:** The lower Potomac River and tributaries, numerous miles of park land, and some of the largest residences in the county.

**Total calls in 2000:** 823

**Equipment assigned to station:** Engine, tanker, ambulance, brush, and boat.

**Station personnel:** **A-Shift:** Captain I David R. Ludeker, Technician Tamara A. Jung, Technician Ravinder S. Mashiana, Technician Michael A. Weldon, Technician Steven F. Yurchik, Firefighter Scott M. McHenry, and Firefighter Dennis Thompson. **B-Shift:** Captain II James M. Chinn, Technician Kenneth J. Athing, Technician Kevin W. Bell, Technician Blair H. Ghent, Firefighter Duane R. Breisch, and Firefighter Robert E. Potter. **C-Shift:** Captain I Leo J. Fayette, Master Technician Vergil J. Weber, Technician Antonio D. Trammell, Technician Donald M. Weirich, Firefighter Michael V. Allen, and Firefighter Gene E. Kelley.

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